

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7126

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Niome Merrill of Chuckey-Doak High School on her performance at the 2023 TSSAA Division I, Class A Girls' Track and Field State Championship.

WHEREAS, we are pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school athletes who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable athlete is Niome Merrill of Chuckey-Doak High School, who tied for second place in pole vault competition at the 2023 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Division I, Class A Girls' Track and Field State Championship; and

WHEREAS, her impressive numbers for the statewide competition came in at eight feet, six inches in pole vaulting; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Merrill epitomizes all that is good in today's student athlete, as she has achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character both on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, Niome Merrill's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her family, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Merrill's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of our respect, admiration, and commendation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Niome Merrill of Chuckey-Doak High School on her second-place finish in pole vault competition at the 2023

TSSAA Division I, Class A Girls' Track and Field State Championship and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.